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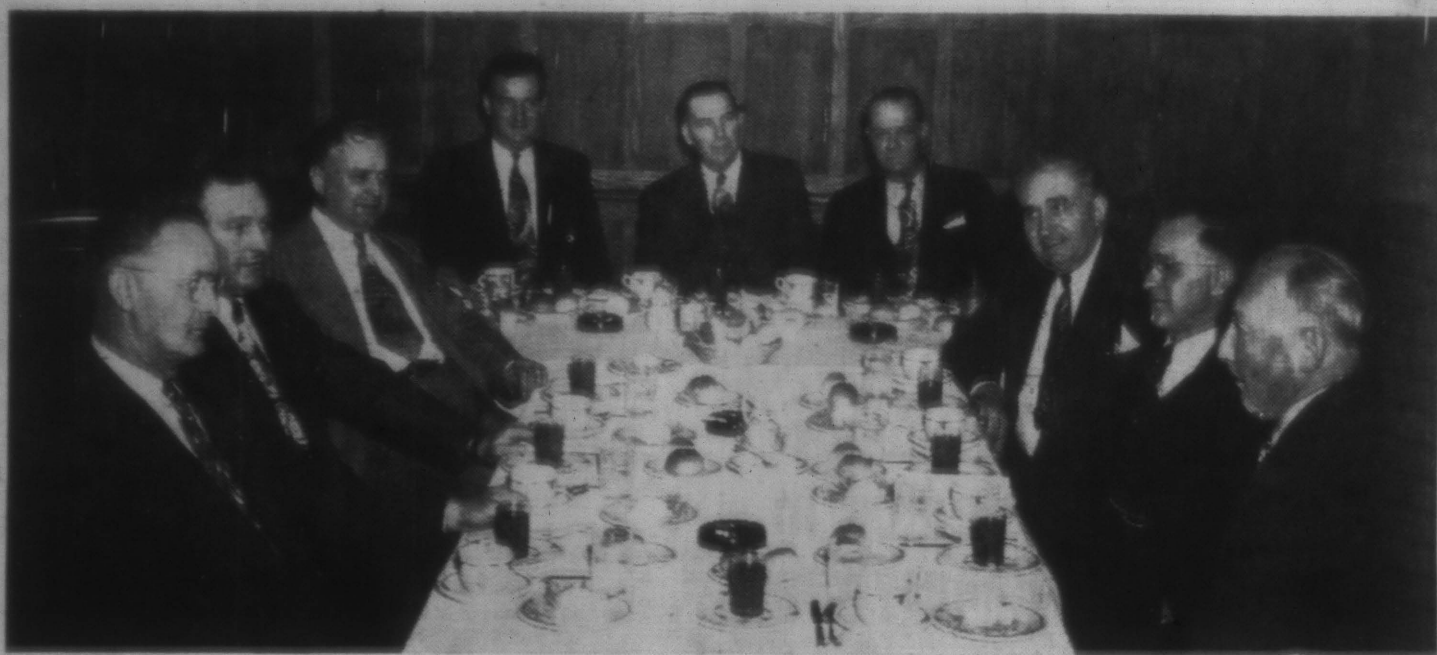
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Consideration of local political problems was the purpose of this meeting of Teamster executives in the Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis, April 18, called by Gale F. Murrin, president of the Indiana State Drivers' Council. Shown around the luncheon table, left to right, are: Pat Hess, Local 414, Ft. Wayne; Charles Miller, Local 417, Vincennes, vice president of Council; Walter E. Biggs, Local 364, South Bend; Clyde B. Birdsong, Local 215, Evansville; Mr. Murrin, O. B. Chambers, Local 759, Kokomo; E. J. Williams, Local 135, Indianapolis; S. W. Helton, Local 543, Lafayette, and Scott Armstrong, editor.

Thru the Door of 144

The regular meeting of Local 144 is held the second Thursday of each month, at the Teamsters office, 213 1/2 South Third St., Terre Haute.

★ The negotiations for sales drivers of the beer distributors has been concluded, with an increase of the base rate. Commission rates are to remain the same.

★ Negotiations for a new agreement with the International Harvester Co., covering the mechanics, is under way and is expected to be concluded in the near future.

★ Brother Leo Spittler is now in one of our local hospitals recovering from a recent accident. Hope you are on your feet again soon, Leo!

★ Negotiations have been concluded with the Borden, Wabash Valley and Model Dairy Cos., covering the inside employees with a substantial wage increase on a guaranteed work week. The retail sales drivers' contract has been concluded, but that for the wholesale drivers and the ice cream drivers is still in negotiations.

★ The Hulman Co. contract, covering plant employees, has been opened and a negotiating committee has been appointed to meet with management.

★ We were sorry to hear of the death of Brother Alex Lyon. Our deepest sympathy to his family and also the family of Karl Moore, who died recently. Brother Moore was a member of our Bloomington branch.

★ Is it true that Brother Chet Judson isn't speaking since he got that new streamlined ice cream truck?

★ The contract with Crane Co. has not as yet been concluded, but an agreement has been reached with the company as to the retroactive pay which will be involved.

★ The contract with the Vigo Ice Co. has been concluded and signed with a substantial increase in pay for all employees.

★ The Refiners Transport and Terminal Corp. has moved back to Robinson, Ill., and all former drivers are being called back to work in accordance with seniority.

Local 135 Renews Contract With City Freight Haulers

Fifteen hundred drivers, dock workers and warehousemen employed in handling city freight by 115 companies in Indianapolis are affected by a new contract just signed for them by E. J. Williams, secretary-treasurer, and Fred Marshall, president of Teamsters Local 135.

The contract gives the members increased wages and improved working conditions. It was reached after a long series of negotiations with the Indiana Motor Truck Association, in which a committee repre-

senting the union participated. By terms of the agreement, the contract is to continue from May 1, 1948, to November 15, 1949, with a provision that it can be reopened for discussion of wages any time between May and November, 1949.

Terms of the agreement were ratified at a mass meeting of the members in South Side Turners Hall, April 25.

President Marshall says of the meeting that it was conducted in such an orderly man-

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Favorable Agreement Ends Picketing at Polar Ice Co.

Members of Teamsters Local 716, employed by the Polar Ice and Fuel Co., Indianapolis, have ratified a new agreement with the company and returned to work after being on strike for nine days, starting May 4.

The new agreement calls for a wage increase, guaranteed 48-hour week and adjustment of certain classifications concerning rates and overtime hours. The increase is retroactive from March 21, 1948, to May 3.

All striking employees returned to their jobs without prejudice.

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Birdsong Pledges Teamster Aid in Evansville Roadshow

EVANSVILLE — Members of Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local No. 215 will assist in the two-day truck roadshow sponsored by the traffic and commercial vehicle division of the Evansville Chamber of Commerce.

Robert Maxedon, of the International Harvester's truck division, is general chairman and Arthur P. Eberlin, secretary-manager of the C. of C., is co-chairman for the event which will be held some time in August, according to Ivan A. Martin, safety department manager of the C. of C.

The roadshow, which will be competitive, will be held on Riverside Drive from Walnut to Court Streets where an obstacle course will be laid out. Points will be given for overcoming hindrances successfully and penalties will be given for errors.

Competing trucks will be divided into various classes, such as heavy, trailers, light and pick-up. Preliminary trials will be held in the afternoon of the first day with finals the afternoon of the second day.

There will be a banquet on the last night honoring winners who will be presented with trophies.

The two-day program will open with a parade and every trucking line in the city has been invited to enter a truck.

Committees and chairmen for the contest are: recorders, Jesse

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Two South Bend Teamsters Killed

Two members of Teamsters Local 364, South Bend, have been killed recently in highway accidents, reported in the daily press as follows:

TIPTON, Ind.—Alvin Harradan, 26, Mishawaka, driver of a semi-trailer truck was fatally burned about 9:30 o'clock last night when the truck he was driving, reported to be loaded with oil, crashed into a bridge near here and burned.

Mr. Harradan was taken to the Mercy Hospital at Elwood, where he died.

The accident occurred near the intersection of Roads 28 and 31.

DUNES STATE PARK, Ind.—At least three persons were cremated in a collision between two heavy trucks and an auto at the junction of U. S. 20 and Ind. 49.

State police said the auto was crushed beneath the blazing trucks and that the arm of an occupant of the car could be seen protruding from the window.

It was not known whether there were other bodies in the car.

The dead were identified as Earl Sanders, 29 years old, Elkhart, a driver for the American Coating Mills (member of Local 364), and Ross Pratt, Morocco (Newton County), driver for a Chicago firm.

Gasoline tanks on both trucks exploded and ignited in the crash, state police said. Sanders was driving a load of heavy wrapping paper and Pratt produce.

Richmond Local Wins Grocery Vote

RICHMOND—By a vote of 16 to 2, employees of the Henry J. Eavey Wholesale Grocery have voted in an NLRB election for union security and designated Teamsters Local 691 their bargaining agent.

The local is headed by James K. Katz.

Local 691 has filed charges of unfair labor practice and a strike notice with the NLRB against the Rex Manufacturing Co. of Connersville and that sanction has just been granted.

1st Laundry In Capital Organized

Excelsior Drivers Stick Together and Beat Association

Davis has done it again.

He has got a union contract, collective bargaining agreement and a lot more money per week for the 15 drivers of the Excelsior Laundry, 840 North New Jersey St., Indianapolis.

He has broken a tradition that laundry salesdrivers in Indianapolis cannot join a union and hold their jobs. And from here it looks as if it won't be long now before some of the other laundries in our fair capital will be paying living commissions to their drivers. Time was when the bakery drivers went around with long faces and short pocketbooks. Now all the bakery drivers wear smiles and union buttons, identifying them with Salesdrivers Local 188, IBT.

And don't be surprised if your favorite laundry stops delivering for a few days while its salesdrivers get organized and go out for enough money to live on. When your driver is forced into a strike, help him win his cause and he'll be a better driver.

It Couldn't Be Done

Doubts were expressed when the Excelsior drivers came to Teamsters Hall on North St. and asked to be taken into Salesdrivers Local 188. Drivers from the other laundries of Indianapolis had tried this several times before, all wanting the

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Sawochka Wins For Mechanics

GARY—Michael Sawochka, general organizer of Auto Mechanics Local 242, has won two outstanding victories against the anti-union Automobile Dealers Association, against which his union has been on strike for several weeks, by signing union shop contracts with two of the dealers. These dealers are the Fifth Ave. Ford agency of Gary and Dan W. Oram, Kaiser-Frazer agency of Hammond.

Both contracts, signed after the holding of NLRB union shop elections, give the members of Local 242 substantial wage increases and improved working conditions.

Meanwhile, the local is picketing the Gary Motor Sales, Inc., 1065 Broadway.

LLPE in East Chicago

EAST CHICAGO—Steven Toth, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local No. 520, reported that more than 350 attended the political education meeting sponsored by the local in Teamsters Hall.

Shop Elections to End

Representative Gerald W. Landis of Indiana said May 6 he has introduced an amendment to the Taft-Hartley Labor Act eliminating the election procedure for union shops to obtain more efficient administration of the act.

He said the union shop election procedure has been the chief bottleneck in the operation of the act, with some 12,660 requests for such elections filed with the National Labor Relations Board since the act was passed last Aug. 22.

Landis pointed out that the procedure is very expensive. He is author of an amendment to eliminate the elections and permit unions to bargain with employers for a union shop.

He said that less than half the applications for elections have been processed by the NLRB, leaving a backlog of 6,692 as of March 31.

Labor board figures demonstrate that 98 per cent of the elections have been won by unions, Landis pointed out.

Landis has learned that the sponsors of the Taft-Hartley Act themselves are now publicly admitting that they were all wet about certain basic aspects of their legislative aberration.

In Chicago, Representative Fred A. Hartley of New Jersey, co-author of the law, told newspapermen he had come to the conclusion that the union shop elections required by the act constitute "a waste of government money."

Such elections are almost "impossible to administer" in the building trades, he said, and "besides, workers are voting for the union shop in 99 per cent of the cases."

The point was even more openly admitted by Robert N. Denham, administrative "czar" of the act, in his capacity as chief counsel for the National Labor Relations Board, during a speech before the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers in Atlantic City.

He pointed out that when the Taft-Hartley Act was enacted over the President's veto, there had been a "widespread feeling that if employees were given a chance to express themselves, compulsory union membership as a condition of employment would be expected to fall by the wayside."

But it hasn't turned out that way, he wryly admitted.

In fact, he confessed that "in only a handful of cases—certainly less than 50 out of 6,000 elections—did the proposition for union authorization fail to carry." Furthermore, affirmative votes for the union shop were cast by more than 84 per cent of the employees affected, Denham revealed.

"We have no reason to believe that these percentages will materially change," he added.

So Congressman Hartley is now talking about changing the Taft-Hartley Act to abolish the requirement for union shop elections which is costing the government an estimated \$4,000,000 this year. But Hartley won't be around Congress when and if that happens because he didn't dare to run again for reelection. According to one newspaper columnist, he is taking a job with the National Association of Manufacturers.

Why the Union Shop?

And still the Teamsters continue to win unanimous victories in the Union Shop elections! Why?

Because the Teamsters know that without their union security unfair employers would cut their wages, lengthen their hours and destroy conditions that have taken years of patient effort to build up.

Because the Teamsters know that a union shop is democracy in action, a system where all share the benefits and all accept the responsibilities.

Because the Teamsters know that a vote against the union shop is a vote against the economic security of their wives and children.

Because the Teamsters know that without their union they cannot hope, as individuals, to combat successfully the never-ending attempts of the greedy to suppress the needy.

Yes, the Teamsters are winning all their union shop elections. To borrow a slogan from the tobacco companies, with Teamsters who know their unions best, it's the union shop 100 to 0!—Oregon Teamster.

NAM War Chest

The National Association of Manufacturers is seeking the biggest propaganda war chest in its history. An announcement in Washington revealed that the NAM goal for 1948 is \$5,500,000, at least a million more than the organization has spent annually during the past few years.

Hitherto, the NAM built up its annual kitty partly by dues on member corporations and partly by fund-raising campaigns. From now on, the NAM said, the entire amount will be secured in one operation through a "revised dues schedule."

As in the past, the bulk of the proceeds will undoubtedly be used for anti-labor "smear" campaigns conducted over the radio and through newspaper ads.

Senator Taft (who told Americans to eat less) lives in a 26-room Georgetown mansion. His monthly food bill with a Connecticut Avenue caterer runs over \$1,000 a month.—Winchell.

Katz Charges Iron Co. Unfair

RICHMOND—James K. Katz, head of Teamsters Local 691, Richmond, has filed charges of unfair labor practices against the Sam Jaffe Co., Richmond scrap iron and prefabricated steel dealers.

The union charges that the Jaffe company is firing its 20 employees one by one because they joined the Teamsters.

The company refuses to negotiate with the union.

Furniture Election

Teamsters Local 691 has won a union shop election conducted by the NLRB in the International Furniture Co., Rushville, Ind.

4 T-H Congs Defeated in Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA—Four Republican Congressmen who voted to override President Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act bit the dust in the primary elections here.

One of the new nominees, Nelson Nichols, of the 10th District of Pennsylvania, based his campaign on his pledge to vote for the repeal of the obnoxious Taft-Hartley Act.

Three of the incumbents, Representatives James Gallagher, E. Wallace Chadwick and James P. Scoblick, were defeated in contests for renomination. The fourth, Rep. Mitchell Jenkins, decided not to run.

Nichols defeated Rep. Scoblick. John De Nero overwhelmed Rep. Gallagher by 20 to 1, and Benjamin F. James took the nomination away from Rep. Chadwick.

Political observers reported a liberal swing to be well on its way in the state, as indicated by the fact that Harold E. Stassen led the write-in vote for the Presidential nomination in the Republican primary. Old Guard GOP leaders in the state were soundly rebuffed by the voters and their reactionary policies were proved unpopular at the polls.

KENTUCKY APPROVES RECIPROCITY PLAN

Kentucky joined 46 other states extending reciprocity to for-hire carriers of motor freight when on March 4 Governor Earle C. Clements signed a bill to that effect. The measure becomes effective 90 days from date of signing, after which reciprocity agreements must be negotiated with each of the other states.

Evansville Cabby Wins for Courtesy

EVANSVILLE—The first traffic courtesy card of 1948 goes to George A. Kelley, 2319 West Columbia Street, driver for the Empire Cab Co. and a member of the Taxicab Drivers Local No. 11.

The courtesy award was recommended by Carl Turpin, police traffic clerk, who Monday saw Mr. Kelley stop at Bellemeade and Morton avenues and get out of his cab.

As Mr. Turpin watched, he saw Mr. Kelley go to where Mr. and Mrs. Russell Judd, both blind, were waiting to cross the street and catch an approaching bus. The driver took them across the street, waited with them and helped them on the bus before returning to his cab and continuing on his way.

HARRY HUDSON

Heard and Seen at 716

Remember your meeting nights—

General meeting for all crafts, last Friday of each month, at 8 p. m. sharp, Teamsters Hall, 28 West North St.
Individual owner operators, first Wednesday of month, 8 p. m.



Our Construction agreement with the Indianapolis Contractors Association has not been signed yet. The drivers, helpers and mechanics are working at a tentative increase, across the board for all classifications in that agreement.

Drivers and warehousemen at the following companies will receive the same increase as employees of the construction group, by separate agreement: Sanborn Electric Co., Hatfield Electric Co., Watson-Flagg Electric Co. and the WHS Electric Co.

All drivers employed by the individual owner operators will also benefit by increased wages, by virtue of the Construction agreement.

We are still in negotiations with the General Electric Supply Corp. and Pure Carbonic Ice, Inc. The members at Pure Carbonic voted unanimously for Union Security in an election conducted by the NLRB May 14, 1948.

We are also negotiating with the F. H. Langsenkamp Co. and expect to sign that agreement in a very short time.

Officers and members of Local 716 wish to extend a welcome to the employees of the following newly organized companies: E. T. Burnside, gravel and ready mixed company, Shelbyville, Ind.; Joe Baker, gravel and ready mixed company, Shelbyville.

We fully expect to extend the same welcome to drivers of the Mid-West Roads Construction Co. of Noblesville.

Brother Edward Eddleman, former steward for McCalman Construction Co., has been appointed business representative of Local 716. We urge all members to cooperate with Bro. Eddleman and we feel sure he will do the same with the members.

Members working in the vicinity of Shelbyville, Franklin, Martinsville, Brooklyn and Columbus will be seeing a lot of Bro. Eddleman.

Officers and members of Local 716 wish to extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Brother Carl Schoonover, who passed away May 2 in St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove, Ind. Before his death, Bro. Schoonover was employed by the Smock Trucking Co., Indianapolis. A death benefit claim for his family has been forwarded by this local union to its group insurance company.

All members of Local 716 who attended the general meeting April 30 heard a very interesting talk by Robert D. Malarney, attorney for this union, on the Taft-Hartley slave labor law and its evil effects on union members, individually and collectively. A lively discussion took place by all members in the course of his talk.

While the meeting had a darn good attendance, we felt that more members should have been there, for several reasons—namely, Mr. Malarney's talk; the third and final reading of this local union's by-laws; and other important matters which are discussed at all general meetings of this local union. So make it a point to attend your meetings, the same as members of the NAM, Chamber of Commerce and other anti-labor groups attend their union meetings.

There is a certain business agent who works for one of the local unions in Indianapolis who recently purchased a walk-o-meter gadget to keep track of his mileage per day. The \$64 question is: How many miles did he walk during the recent Polar Ice Co. strike? And did he sprint a bit?

Brother George Acton, business representative of Teamsters Local 135, during the Polar Ice strike wondered at times if he was working for Local 716 or 135. He saw very little of his home and family all during the strike. We wish to really thank Bro. Acton for his services during that strike. Also, thanks to the officers of Local 135 for lending him to us.

AFL President William Green urges all AFL members to support the fund-raising drive to be launched soon by American Overseas Aid—United Nations Appeal for Children.

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Safe Drivers Cited By Columbia Co.

Members of Teamsters Local 193, employed by the Columbia Transportation Service, Inc., who have received citations for safe driving recently, are announced as follows:

Omer McGuire, 8 years.
Robert Terry, 6 years.
Forrest Kallen, 2 years.
Lee Summers, 1 year.
Jesse Weaver, 1 year.

Their company is the contract hauler for Sears Roebuck & Co.

CIGARETTE TAX

Indiana's 3-cent-a-pack cigarette tax has piled up \$8,500,000 for the state treasury.

Big ED and Little PAUL Look-See with 233

Brother Virgil Hendricks of Indiana Terminal got several surprises on his birthday anniversary recently—a swell party and fine birthday whipping. But what was really the highlight, was the big birthday goose!

Brother Virgil West of Standard Grocery and family had a visit from the stork. A nice, big 9½-pound boy. Future Teamster!

Don't forget! Our regular meeting (the first Wednesday of May) was the last regular meeting we will have until the first Wednesday of September.

Attention, Wadley employees: The joint meetings for Wadley employees who are members of Local 233 and Local 188, which are held the last Tuesday of each month, have been cancelled. This is the action voted on at the meeting, held April 27. In future, when members feel that a meeting is necessary, they should collectively contact their steward, who will contact Pres. Bauer, and a meeting will be called.

Our president is feeling better and spending most of his time negotiating new contracts and setting up Union Authority elections.

The officers and members of Local 233 extend their sympathy to the family of Brother John Massey of Kroger's. Brother Massey passed away April 30.

Glad to hear that Brother Love's daughter has been released from the hospital. Brothers Crossley and Oliphant were among those who donated blood for her.

The following contracts have been negotiated, with substantial wage increases for our members: H. J. Heinz Co., Jagger's Wholesale Grocery Co., J. P. Michael Co., J. C. Perry Co. and Bessie & Co. Several working conditions also were improved.

The drivers for Stokely Foods, Inc., staged an impromptu dinner May 1 at the Crossroads Tavern. "Bub" Bobenmoyer was present, representing the company, and Brother Paul Higgs attended for Local 233. Brother Higgs says he doesn't know what occasioned the celebration, but it sure got celebrated. Had a lovely dinner, too! Brother Wickliff for some reason (?) or other couldn't make it.

Teamsters Research Bureau In Chicago Changes Number

The Midwest Teamsters Labor Research Dept. of 216 South Ashland Blvd., Chicago, has changed its telephone number.

Through its secretary-treasurer, C. W. Frederick, the bureau has sent the following notice:

TO ALL AFFILIATED LOCALS:

Due to an increasing volume of business being done by this department, it has become necessary to expand our office facilities. As a result of such expansion, we have been compelled to give up our former telephone number and several additional trunk lines are being installed. It is, accordingly, requested that this notice be filed at some convenient place for future reference.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE
MIDWEST TEAMSTERS LABOR RESEARCH DEPT.
HAYMARKET 5516-HAYMARKET 5517

Hoping that we may be of some assistance to you in the near future, and with best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
C. W. Frederick.

Halleck Called Enemy of People

Here's a man who doesn't like Congressman Halleck, one of Indiana's Taft-Hartley supporters. To the Editor of *The Indianapolis Star*:

After reading the story of Representative Charles A. Halleck, Indiana's favorite son, I must differ from your point of view.

In the dark days of 1938 when the country had a surplus of all commodities and millions of unemployed, yet men worked 60 to 70 hours a week. The irresponsible representatives, Pettingill, Griswold and Halleck voted against the Wage and Hour Bill and all other progressive legislation that would enable man to consume what he could produce and to live a longer, happier and healthier life free from fear and want, booms and busts.

Now you tell us ten years after he has committed these unsocial acts that he is Indiana's favorite son for President.

We are living in a planetary world. In fact, the most stable thing in the world today is change itself. The most unstable thing is the constant lauding of rugged individualism, which is selfish, ruthless, unscrupulous individuals that gain their power by crushing other individuals and business and forming or protecting huge monopolies.

CLARENCE LOVE,
430 North State Avenue.

IBT OFFERS \$5,000 REWARD FOR ASSAILANT

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters on April 21 offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the gunman who attempted to assassinate Walter P. Reuther.

The offer was announced by Daniel J. Tobin, president of the Teamsters' Union, at headquarters in Indianapolis.

In a telegram to United Automobile Workers' headquarters at Detroit, Mich., Pres. Tobin expressed "my deep sorrow and regret for the injuries perpetrated against Reuther."

"Please convey to him and to the members of his family my sincere sympathy, and accept the assurance of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to your international union that we will do everything and anything that you suggest in order to bring to justice the monster who attempted to take the life by assassination of this just and honorable man, this very able, aggressive and militant labor leader who has done so much for the automobile workers whom he has the honor to represent," the telegram said.

The Teamsters' union is the nation's largest labor union, while the United Automobile Workers, headed by Reuther, is the second largest.

You'll be on the spot if your union employer finds your wife wearing non-union apparel.

MAYFLOWER DRIVER SCHOOL GRADUATES 24

Twenty-two veteran Mayflower van operators received post-graduate training at the Mayflower Moving School at Indianapolis recently and had the degree of Master of Moving conferred upon them. They included Raymond L. Wynn, Danville, Indiana; Noah G. Wethington, Greenwood, and Robert N. Hayden, Noble H. Simon, William F. Pinegar, E. A. Davis, Ralph Aynes, Lloyd W. Hudson, and Roy R. Randall, all of Indianapolis and members of Teamsters Local 193.

Seventeen student Mayflower van operators who completed the basic course in moving at the school recently and received the degree of Graduate Mover included William M. Strout, Paul A. Brewer, and John D. Sullivan, all of Indianapolis, also members of Local 193.

The Mayflower Moving School is operated by Aero Mayflower Transit Co., nationwide furniture movers, to train both new and experienced van operators. Post-graduates of the school must have received the basic course in training at the time they began working for Mayflower. The post-graduate course is given to van operators after they have had more than six months' experience.

Roadeo Planned In Evansville

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Dunville, of Hargis Truck Lines; operations judges, L. J. Ballard, International Harvester truck division; course stewards, N. W. Roser, Hancock Truck Lines, and Frank Hutcheson, Hargis; finance, Gilbert Gelhausen, Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company; grounds, C. H. Jones, SIEGCO; awards, Clyde Birdsong, president of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs union; equipment and supplies, W. L. Swain, Jr., Southeastern Motor Truck Lines.

Contestants, E. A. Shepard, Yellow Cab Company, and Vic Hornick, Roberts Motor Company, and parade, Bob Stough, Hancock, and D. W. Annis, of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs local union.

City Freight Pact Signed by No. 135

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ner that the members are to be congratulated. Also, he expressed appreciation of the spirit of good will and cooperation which prevailed among the negotiating committee and said it was a pleasure to work with such a committee.

Central Transfer Pact

Teamsters Local 135 has a new agreement for 50 members employed by the Central Transfer & Storage Co., giving the members increased wages, etc.

Local 135 is now negotiating for new contracts with the McKeown Transportation Co. and local distributors of Canada Dry Products.

Notice to Members: Your regular meeting nights, the second Tuesday of the month, at 8 p.m., 28 West North St., will be suspended during the months of June, July and August and resumed the second Tuesday of September. Same time and place.

Up to Date with 188

We hope to hear continuing good news from Howard Oltman who has recovered from an attack of kidney stones sufficiently to return to his employment at Blue Valley Creamery. Brother Oltman was confined to his home, 3406 Guilford Ave., Indianapolis, for four weeks.

Mrs. Williams, wife of Seth Williams of Hostess Cake, recently underwent an operation in Methodist Hospital.

William Blue, of 1315 North Beville, has recovered from his recent illness and is back on the job at Continental Baking Co.

It's a gift for Brother John and Mildred Van Mier of 623 East Dr., Woodruff Pl.

Brother Wilbur Ervin has been reported ill at his home, 3457 North Butler.

Officers and members of Local 188 were grieved to learn of the death of Howard Hunter, of Greencastle, who suffered injuries in an auto accident. The deceased was a brother of Charles Hunter, salesdriver for Omar. Funeral services were held April 15.

Mrs. Clarkson, wife of Brother Kenneth Clarkson, was the victim of an accident which required her to be taken to Methodist Hospital.

Also in Methodist Hospital was Mrs. Worth Parris, for an operation.

Two new Omar salesdrivers have been born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schoen, of 3704 English Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stevens, R. R. 10, Box 386.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Ona Gray Ennis, mother of Virgil Gray, of Gleason Pie Co.

Brother LaRue Chance of the Indiana Condensed Milk Co., Sheridan, was required by illness to go to St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn. Good luck, LaRue!

Excelsior Drivers Stick Together And Beat Laundry Owners' Lawyer

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union to get them more money and better working conditions, but in every other case the drivers had been fired for union activity, and no big Indianapolis laundry owner had signed a union contract.

President C. E. Davis shook his head. It would be a tough fight, he said.

"You're not organizing against your own management so much," Davis told the men. "You're up against the Laundry Owners Association, and it will spend plenty to lick the union. This association exists by maintaining a city-wide sweatshop in the laundry industry."

He explained how the Laundry Owners Association is run by pals of the late fast-time Fay Patrick, who started out as a labor lawyer, learned all the angles of the game from Joe Williams, established a reputation for himself and then—sold-out for more money to the other side.

There's always big money to be made in helping the rich gyp the workingman out of enough pay, if you are the type of lawyer or Congressman who likes that kind of money.

President Davis explained to the Excelsior drivers what it would mean for them to demand a collective agreement with their management.

He told how, in the past, laundry groups had come to the union for help.

"To start with," he said, "these gentlemen were enthusiastic for union membership. They wanted security and more money and they all pledged themselves to stick together in event of going on strike. But the minute management learned of their activity it offered them more money if they would drop the union and remain 'loyal.' Always the rats started running back, and started the stampede which ended organizing that particu-

lar laundry. And, as it always happens, those who ran back first were the first to be fired the minute the fireworks ended."

Managers of Indianapolis laundries follow the pattern set by their association of promising big rewards for "loyalty" when their drivers start talking unionism, then later fire the agitators one by one and replace them with cheaper non-union drivers.

"If you go out for a union agreement with the Excelsior people," Davis told the salesdrivers, "you will have to stick together to the last man or you will fail, and then be fired for your trouble."

The Excelsior drivers swore to stick together and not to accept the temporary bonuses offered them by management to rat on the rest and be "loyal."

They stuck together and picketed peacefully and in the end got what they were after—a union contract, raise in commission guarantee from \$30 to \$50 per week, increased commissions and other improvements in working conditions that every other laundry salesdriver in Indianapolis now wishes he had, according to Lynville Miles, union attorney.

President Davis wants to thank the officers of four other Teamster locals in Indianapolis who helped in winning the strike. Also those customers of the North Side who did not run the picket line. There were some, you know, who didn't.

If Work Is Too Hard— A Smaller Paint Brush

Big hearted Harry Hudson, always thinking of the welfare and health of his wife, handled a family grievance very successfully.

Mrs. Hudson complained her wrist was getting awfully tired from painting the walls and ceiling in their home, with a 2½-inch brush.

Brother Hudson had the answer for that problem. He got her a 1½-inch brush.

D. E. MAHONEY

On the Line with 369

Another truck driver for Local 369! A son was born to our vice president and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Smith, Saturday, March 27, 1948. (Note: It looks as if our vice president is trying to catch up with our president.) Congratulations, Eddie!



Russel Toler has a moving truck and furniture pads and will appreciate all business he can get from members of the union. Call him at the Knauer Cartage Company, in Marion, phone 5616-W.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ormal Slain, two miles north of Matthews, Ind., was burning when Robert Crowell, driver for the Hayes Freight Lines, and member of Local 369, was going from Muncie to Marion about 11 o'clock at night. Brother Crowell saw the house was on fire as he passed. So he stopped and awakened the people and got them out of their home, probably saving their lives.

The Brookman Construction and the Construction Excavating Corp. of Muncie are now 100 per cent union and contracts have been signed with both companies.

We won the election at the Coca-Cola plant in Anderson on the driver-salesmen.

The contract with the R. E. Dieckbrader Indiana Lines, of Anderson, has been completed and signed for another year. Also, our Lumber, Coal and Builder Supply agreement has been agreed to and is ready for signature.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Brother John Lang, who passed away on April 17, 1948. Brother Lang had been a member of this local since 1944 and had worked for the French Steam Dye Works of Muncie for the past 14 years.

Brothers Ed Steinke and Jim Batty, drivers for Tarbet Trucking, Inc., of Muncie, have received safety awards again this year, which makes the tenth consecutive year for receiving these safety awards. Both drivers have been members of Local 369 for some 13 years.

Brothers Bruce Robinson and George Storey have received promotions from the Tarbet Trucking as road superintendent and garage superintendent, respectively. Both brothers have been good, reliable drivers for this firm for many years.

Charlie Miller Has Something
—He's Found New Garden Spot

Well, where is the garden spot of the world, anyway? Clyde Birdsong has always made such a fuss about Evansville, Ind., that everyone at meetings of the Drivers' Council has been taking it for granted that Evansville really was the world's garden spot.

But now comes Charles Miller and says the garden spot is Vincennes, headquarters of Local 417, and he has facts and figures—and a newspaper clipping—to prove it.

Listen to this from the Vincennes Sun-Commercial:

This vicinity was described as the "Garden Spot of the World" by Frank Street of Henderson, Ky., in a talk on the weather at the weekly meeting of the Vincennes Rotary club Tuesday noon at the Jewel Cafe. Mr. Street is a farmer-orchardist of Henderson and has devoted a great deal of time in studying weather conditions. Robert C. Simpson was program chairman and introduced the speaker.

"Not only is it your good fortune that you live in the 'Garden Spot of the World,'" Mr. Street said, "but I feel sure you would be interested in knowing that you live in the most unusual spot in the world weather map. Polar or cold air moves out of the Canadian northwest, usually splits up with one mass of cold air moving down the Canadian and American Rockies, and one segment moving down the Missouri Valley in a southeasterly direction. The tropic of warm air which is saturated with moisture moves out of the Gulf of Mexico up the Mississippi Valley, up to the Atlantic seaboard and from the mouth of the Rio Grande up the Pan Handle of Texas. This meeting and the nature of the meeting of these two enormous, powerful opposing forces set the stage for my story and give you the unique distinction of living 150 miles south of your true longitudinal position in winter, but restores you to north of the Mason-Dixon line, in spring, summer and fall.

Cites Old Adages

The speaker told of his early interest in the weather and spoke of

the old adages such as "a rainbow in the morning, is the shepherd's warning; a rainbow at night, is the shepherd's delight." Also "when the grass is dry at morning, look for rain before the night." He also recited a number of the adages referring to the weather. He then told of the significance of high and low pressure areas.

He described the meeting of the warm and cold air over Oklahoma and the storms which result. However, the meeting place of another mass of air, both hot and cold, is near Cairo, Ill. The meeting is not head-on but at an angle.

"In the course of this air battle there is a strip of land about 50 miles wide between Carbondale and Centralia, Illinois, through which these opposing forces rush," Mr. Street stated. He then told of the northern boundary being north of Oaktown and extending south into Kentucky.

Efficiency Belt

"On these facts is based the commercial peach industry centered in southern Illinois, Vincennes, and Henderson and Paducah, Ky.," Mr. Street said. He also described this locality as the "efficiency belt" of the world. This belt is a narrow section not less than 50 miles and not wider than 300 miles which extends around the world. In this section most of the food of the world is grown and man is efficient in his ways. The weather is the controlling factor. To the south the efficiency is diminished by the heat and to the north by the cold. Mr. Street said that the fall of the Greeks and the Roman Empire was caused more by the weather as the efficiency belt moved northward in Europe. In a joking manner, he stated it had a great deal to do with the outcome of the Civil War, as the South did not and could not have the efficiency of the North.

In return for the right of living in such an ideal place, the people in the section described, owe much to the world, the speaker explained. However, man has not improved much on the five types of corn found here with the Indians and no animals have been domesticated other than those used by pre-historic man.

Buy Union Label goods and patronize yourself!



—Leader Photo.

Several Teamster leaders attended the recent dinner at the Spencer Hotel in Marion, held by the Fifth Congressional district of Labor's League for Political Education. These included Glenn Rabanus, Frankfort, of Teamsters Local 543, who is co-chairman of the district (shown at right of speakers' table); Earl Lock, also of Local 543, Frankfort; Willis Thomas, of Local 389, Marion, and Robert Wright, of Local 369, Marion.

Jim Crow Covenants

WASHINGTON—Covenants to bar Negroes or other racial groups from purchasing or owning real estate were held legally unenforceable by the United States Supreme Court in a 6 to 0 decision.

Chief Justice Vinson handed down opinions in two test cases which will go far toward eliminating the real estate practice of "restricted" areas, which bar home ownership to Negroes, Jews and in some cases, Mexicans and Asiatics.

The high court's rulings do not forbid the making of such agreements, but declare that they cannot be enforced by either state or federal courts.

The first decision dealt with cases arising in Missouri and Michigan. It was based on that part of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution that forbids any state to deny to any person within its jurisdiction equal protection under the law.

In the second case, involving litigation in the District of Columbia, the Supreme Court said it was unnecessary to consider any Constitutional question since the Civil Rights Act of 1866 commanded that all citizens, regardless of color, should have the right to "inherit, purchase, lease, sell, hold and convey real and personal property."

Moreover, Chief Justice Vinson said in this opinion that for the federal courts of the District of Columbia to enforce the covenants was "contrary to the public policy of the United States."

Three Justices, Reed, Jackson and Rutledge, did not participate, having disqualified themselves. It was reported in the press that one or more of them might have owned or were interested in property restricted by the outlawed covenants.

"Because of the race or color of these petitioners," Chief Justice Vinson said in the state cases, "they have been denied rights of ownership or occupancy enjoyed as a matter of course by other citizens of different race or color."

"The Fourteenth Amendment declares that all persons, whether colored or white, shall stand equal before the laws of the states, and, in regard to the colored race, for whose protection the amendment was primarily designed, that no discrimination shall be made against them by law because of their color."

"In these cases the states have acted to deny petitioners the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment. We find it unnecessary to consider whether petitioners have also been deprived of property without due process of law or denied privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States."

Favorable Agreement Ends
Picketing at Polar Ice Co.

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By terms of the agreement, a union shop election will be held in the near future.

The new agreement was signed in the local union's office, 28 West North St., May 13, by a committee for the union composed of Edward T. Carlson, president; Harry R. Hudson, secretary-treasurer; Raymond Haight, committeeman, and Clarence Bason, steward at the Railroad Icing Co.

Henry L. Dithmer, Jr., vice president of the Polar Ice and Fuel Co., signed for the company.

Immediately after the signing of the agreement, all pickets were withdrawn from the company's seven plants.

President Carlson wishes to extend his thanks and appreciation for the efforts and assistance given him by the strike committee and also to all members who faithfully did picket duty.

Second Miracle
For Bauer of 233

Leo Bauer, president of Teamsters Local 233, escaped death at midnight, March 26, when his auto struck a pool of water in the highway and turned over several times. That was a miracle.

Another miracle is that President Bauer is back on the job—and has been for some time—negotiating contracts and transacting other union business as if nothing had happened.

Explosion Victim
Leaves Hospital

Officers and members of Teamsters Local 135 will be glad to learn that Brother Marvin William Rhoades can be released shortly from a hospital in Shelbyville and return to his home, 3136 Northwestern Ave., Indianapolis.

Brother Rhoades, 24, and driver for the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative, was injured May 3 in a heavy explosion and fire that destroyed the Farm Bureau's oil bulk plant at Shelbyville.

An estimated 50,000 gallons of gasoline, two storage tanks, pump house and loading dock were destroyed with a loss which Shelbyville police said would total \$50,000 to \$60,000.

Flames from the spectacular fire could be seen ten miles away. Rhoades was blown 40 feet by the explosion and suffered first, second and third degree burns, shock and cuts on his head and face.

He told investigators he leaped from the truck when he noticed one of the plant storage tanks begin to overflow. Investigators believe static sparks from Rhoades' clothing may have ignited the gasoline fumes.

TRUCKERS ASK FAIR DEAL

WASHINGTON—The American Trucking Association has requested Congress to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to remove existing discrimination against the trucking industry and place it on an equal basis with other modes of transportation.

Officers of Local 716 also wish to thank the officers and business representatives of Teamsters Locals 135, 233, 188 and 193, Indianapolis, for their assistance during the strike.

Officers of Local 716 and members of the Polar Ice and Fuel Co. wish to express thanks and appreciation for assistance given during the strike by Thomas E. Flynn, acting president of the International Union, and Gale F. Murrin, international organizer.